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SUBJECT: THROWN SILK

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO KAWASAKI ON THE 23RD. HE REPLIED THAT, GIVEN THE AVAILABILITY OF "5,000 OR FEWER" BALES OF THROWN SILK ON THE OPEN MARKET, A QUANTITY THAT WILL PROBABLY BE REDUCED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF CONTINUED OVER-SUPPLY IN JAPAN, HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THE GOJ CAN DO BETTER THAN THE 1,000 BALES DISCUSSED REFTEL.

2. KAWASAKI ALSO EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM OVER CONTENT OF PARA. 1 (A) IN REFTEL. HE AND OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS WE HAVE SPOKEN TO WONDER WHAT THE THROWN SILK MILLS AND THEIR 600-700 EMPLOYEES WERE DOING PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THROWN SILK SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN IN 1975. THE JAPANESE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE MILLS COULD BE CONVERTED FOR OTHER KINDS OF TEXTILE WORK WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY OR EXPENSE.

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3. RE. PARA 2 OF REFTEL; THE CHARGE THAT THE U.S. IS SENDING LOW QUALITY THROWN SILK TO JAPAN MAY NOT BE VALID (THOUGH OUR CONTACTS WITH U.S. INDUSTRY REPS. HERE INDICATE THAT SOME LOWER QUALITY THROWN SILK IS INDEED COMING FROM THE U.S.). HOWEVER, QUALITY IS NOT THE MAIN POINT -- THE JAPANESE OBJECT

IN PRINCIPLE TO ALL THROWN SILK IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY
THOSE FROM SOURCES WHICH WERE NOT EXPORTING PRIOR
TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE RAW SILK IMPORT LAW. GOJ
CONTACTS HAVE REFERRED TO THROWN SILK EXPORTS AS AN
"UNNATURAL" TRADE THAT THREATENS THEIR INDUSTRY AND
WOULD NOT EXIST IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE RAW SILK IMPORT
LAW. THE GOJ CLEARLY FEELS THAT GATT ARTICLE 17 ALLOWS
MEASURES TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS KIND OF TRADE, AND
IS CERTAIN TO MAKE THIS ARGUMENT A CENTRAL THEME OF
THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE GATT.
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